

SABBATH READING.

Life, Death and Eternity.

What is life? A thread, easily broken. A flower that springs up to-day, and to-morrow is cut down and withered.—A vapor that soon passes away. It is chequered with cares, disappointments, joys, sorrows, perplexities, envies, hopes, fears, comforts, pleasures, shades, and sunshine. A state in which every act, word or thought, affects the soul, sinking it toward the world of woe, or elevating it to the joys of paradise. The time to reflect, a resolve, to act, to repent of sins committed; the time for faith in Christ—to receive His salvation—to escape hell—to win heaven.

And what is death? It is the opening of eyes. Before death the soul sees "as through a glass darkly, now face to face." The entrance door to heaven and hell. To the follower of Christ, the end of sorrow, care and pain; the beginning of purity, holiness, blessedness. But to the soul unregenerated—the book of life with the sins of the soul uncanceled. The end of hope, the near approach of death.

And what is eternity? It is the age of God, and it is the age of the deathless soul, in which it will live in happiness or woe. Would you compute its years? "There are a certain number of leaves upon the trees, a certain number of blades of grass in the field, a certain number of grains of sand upon the sea-shore, a certain number of drops in the ocean; but were the numbers of leaves multiplied by the blades of grass in the field, and this product by the sands of the sea-shore, and this again by the drops in the ocean, the product would not approximate eternity."

Having passed the river of death, the soul enters upon its eternal, unchangeable, though progressive, state. "He that is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still." To the child of God, what before was the faith of Peter as he walked upon the waves of the stony Genesis, is now the confidence of actual possession—Death has been swallowed up in victory, and "he has received the end of his faith, even the salvation of his soul." And as the concentrated glories of Jehovah's kingdom burst upon his enraptured vision, he breaks out in grateful exclamations, "Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." But with the impenitent it is not so, for as the stones for building the temple at Jerusalem were wrought and prepared in the mountains, so the stones that compose the spiritual temple of Christ must be hewn and prepared in his life.

A Test of Christianity.

A Christian gentleman had occasion to travel through a newly and thinly settled part of the Western country; his companion was a man of intelligence, but infidel principles, who was fond of discussion and tried to beguile the way by urging arguments against the truth of the Christian religion. The thinly peopled section of the country through which they were passing was inhabited by people of bad reputation, and it had been rumored that travelers had suffered fatal violence from them when they were within their power.

As taverns were unknown, our travellers were compelled to trust to the hospitality of those of whom they could not but entertain a serious fear. On one occasion as the evening closed in, they sought a lodging-place in a log-cabin, far remote from other habitations. They anticipated but little comfort, and were induced to believe that it would be a measure of safety to watch alternately through the night.

As they were about to retire to their bed their host, whose exterior had excited their distrust, proceeding to a shelf, took down an old & much worn out Bible, and informed his visitors that it was his custom to worship God in his family, he read and prayed in so simple a manner as to secure the esteem of the travellers. They retired to rest, slept soundly, and thought no more of alternate watching.

In the morning the Christian requested his infidel companion to say whether the religious exercises of the preceding evening had not dispelled every particle of distrust of their host's character, and had not enabled him to close his eyes in the most confident security.

He was evidently embarrassed by the question; but at last he candidly acknowledged that the sight of the Bible had secured him a sound night's rest. Here was a testimony extorted from an infidel in favor of the influence of religion which he skeptically assailed. He could not harbor a fear of violence from one who was in the habit of bending his knee before God. The very creation of the family altar, rendered the house a secure asylum. Who would not be a Christian? Who can be an infidel?

Holy Life.

The beauty of holy life constitutes most eloquent and effective persuasive to religion which one human being can address to another. We have many ways of doing good to our fellow creatures, but none so efficacious as leading a virtuous, upright, and well ordered life. There is an energy of moral suasion in a good man's life, passing the highest efforts of the orator's genius. The seen, but silent beauty of holiness speak more eloquently of God, and duty, than the tongues of men and angels. Let parents remember this.—The best inheritance a parent can bequeath to a child is a virtuous example, a legacy of hallowed remembrance and associations. The beauty of holiness, beaming through the life of a loved relative or friend, is more effectual to strengthen such as do stand in *in* *vitro*'s ways, and raise up those that are bowed, than precept, command, entreaty or warning. Christianity itself, I believe, owes by far the greater part of its moral power, not to the precepts or parables of Christ, but to his character. The beauty of that holiness which is enshrined in the four brief biographies of the Man of Nazareth, has done more, and will do more, to regenerate the world, and bring it to an everlasting righteousness, than all other agencies put together. It has done more to spread his religion in the world than all that has ever been preached or written on the evidences of Christianity.

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